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Renovation Still On Drawing Board

by Katherine Conlon

One of the oldest buildings on campus will be closed next semester for renovation. Just exactly how Aquinas will be renovated has not yet been decided. The planned renovation depends on the amount of money available.

Originally Aquinas was supposed to be closed to students all year. That way work could have been started as soon as school ended. However, some students who lived in the dorm expressed reluctance to leaving the dorm. As a result, the Student Affairs Office decided to let

only upperclassmen live there the first semester this year.

Why wasn't the renovation started over the summer? Actually it was. Maintenance crews made several improvements. The most noticeable improvement is the conversion of the first floor. It now houses the Education Department. However, this was not the only change.

First of all, a new electrical system was installed. New heating was added. Also, the hot and cold water piping was repaired. The underground pipes were replaced with insulated ones. These are only a few of the

things described by Mr. Ron Pollack, the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

The future of Aquinas has yet to be decided. "If we have enough money available we will do a total renovation of Aquinas," Pollack commented. That includes new doors and windows, improving the electrical system, and installing a better fire protection system.

Right now there are three ways the dorm can be renovated. The first is to leave it as a dorm with single rooms. The second option is to remodel Aquinas to serve as living quarters for married

couples. Lastly, the building can provide more office space.

However, the residents of Aquinas are trying to prevent the closing of the dorm. They have signed a petition and submitted it to Father Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., Mr. James Thatcher, Mr. William Maniscalco, and Dr. John Nichols. In essence the residents are asking for the renovation of the second floor this semester and the renovation of the third floor next semester.

Presently, the residents have received no response from any of the administrators mentioned above.

Excursion Filled With Educational Experience

How did you spend your summer vacation? Juniors John Freiburger and Paul Sommers spent theirs traveling through Latin America on a trip that they will never forget. After spending three weeks learning what it is like to live in a Spanish-speaking world in Mexico, Freiburger and Sommers flew from Mexico City to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

For the next month, the jungle lowlands of Bolivia were to be their stomping grounds. Staying with Maryknoll missionaries, John and Paul lived in Litoral, a small pueblo consisting of 100 families. While living there they spent much of their time doing farm work (planting corn and banana trees, harvesting rice and peanuts, and taking care of the animals) and playing recreational games with the town's school children. They also helped the Maryknoll sisters with an adult literacy class and other community activities.

By the beginning of July it was time to move onward. John and Paul found themselves high in the Andes Mountains. They traveled for a week on the back of grain trucks to get to their next stop, Capinota. Capinota, a mountain-farm town similar to Rensselaer (in size only!), would

be their home for the next two weeks. Here they spent their time doing maintenance work on the town's parish house, attended social functions and played with the town children. The last two weeks of their trip were spent traveling higher into the Andes toward LaPaz (12,000 feet), the largest city in Bolivia. They also trekked over to the Inca Ruins in Peru for a few days. Finally, on August 6th, after 10,000 miles of traveling in planes, trains, buses and pickups, they headed home.

How did they plan and, more importantly, pay for the trip? "My Aunt Rita has been a Maryknoll sister working in Bolivia for the past 20 years," says Sommers. "Getting the plans organized was her doing. That was the easy part. Raising the money was another story." John and Paul initiated a program through SJC's campus ministry called "Hands Across the Americas" with the help of Fr. Bob Matichuk on the conditions that they NOT expect any money from the college, alumni or the town people. ALL of the money was raised through PRIVATE donations of family, friends and relatives.

What were their overall impressions? "We went down there with our idealistic, Don Quixote

attitudes," says Paul. "But, what actually happened was another story. We did lend a hand when we could, but more importantly, the Bolivians helped us far more than the few things we did for them."

John adds, "It would have been impossible to accomplish all that we first thought we were going to do. Life in Bolivia is so much slower and more simple. They live a more basic, uncomplicated, and natural life than we do here. Just living — cooking, cleaning, and eating — takes so much longer without the conveniences we have in the States."

"It was a trip of a lifetime. The success of the trip went beyond any expectations and plans that we had made," stated John.



Nichols Dismisses Enrollment Concerns

by Michael Conlon

In past years, St. Joseph's College has been known as a small college. In recent years, however, with the steady decrease in enrollment, it seems that it is becoming smaller. This can be seen clearly by comparing this year's enrollment with the past two years'. The enrollment for this year is 847 students, which is down 45 students from last year's 933. This in turn is down 86 students from the previous school year's enrollment of 978.

The college's operating potential is approximately one thousand students, plus a considerable amount of day students. Stemming from these facts, a number of rumors have been spreading among the students that the school is in big trouble. But after an interview with Dr. John P. Nichols, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, this does not seem to be the case.

One of the first things that Dr. Nichols pointed out was that the decrease in enrollment was out of the college's control. In fact, this drop in enrollment is common in most of the nation's colleges and universities, both private and public. This has mainly been caused by a decrease in the population of people who are of college age. Although the enroll-

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Organizations Serve Community

by Kris Schubach

Finding someone to do something for nothing can be very difficult at times. It is not always easy to find a person to volunteer his services, whether it be for a school function or the community in general. Two organizations on the St. Joseph's College campus, however, are working to change all that. The Gallagher Charitable Society and Alpha Phi Omega are two non-profit, voluntary organizations that strive to help their community both on and off campus.

The Gallagher Charitable Society consists of all residents of Gallagher Hall. They work together to hold functions and sponsor activities in order to raise money for underprivileged or needy people. Some of these activities include a softball marathon, working with St. Anne's Church in town, holding a Christmas party for needy children, and visiting the Rensselaer Care Center. All money collected by donations or giving up of cafe numbers goes entirely to charities. The biggest fundraiser for GCS came this year when they collected over \$500 for Jerry's Kids.

The members of GCS are continuing to plan further functions throughout the school year. They wish to thank all the students who have contributed to their efforts, and they would also appreciate continued support in upcoming events.

Alpha Phi Omega is a fairly new organization, beginning just last year at St. Joe's. It is a service organization that works on projects for the school, the students, and the community. Their goal is to promote friendship, leadership, and service. Much like GCS this group plans activities to help any organization. Activities include taking boys from the boy's home on field trips, sponsoring a volleyball

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All Students Pay for Justin's Privileges

Each year stories circulate in Halas explaining why the air conditioning is not turned on. First I heard that the air conditioning unit was removed therefore Halas could not be air conditioned. Next I was told the air conditioner was broken and the school did not have enough money to fix it.

However, this is by far the best story I have heard. The reason Halas is not air conditioned is because the air conditioner was put in the dorm to accommodate the Chicago Bears. It was not intended for students' use.

I find that quite amusing because while I was visiting the campus over the summer, the air WAS on in Halas. Funny, I didn't know the Bears were in town again. I thought their training camp was in Platteville, Wisconsin.

The school provides housing for approximately 700 students. Two hundred of them receive special treatment because they live with air conditioning. Using these approximate numbers that means 29% of the students living on campus have air conditioning.

The cost of air conditioning Justin for one month is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Since it is a luxury to have air conditioning, they should have to pay for it. Let's say it costs an even \$5,000. Divide that by the 200 people living there and that comes to a total of \$25. Charging the residents twenty-five dollars for each month their air conditioner is on seems fair.

What is not fair is that part of each student's room and board pays for the air conditioning in Justin. Why should we pay for a service we do not receive? If we pay for air conditioning in our room and board charges then we should have it. If it cannot be installed in the dorms with steam heat, students should be allowed to have individual units in their rooms.

Mathematically, it would cost \$40,000 per month to air condition the eight dorms on campus. The air would probably only be on for three months, that is a total of \$120,000. The number of students on campus would each be charged an additional \$171 per year for air conditioning. Is that so ridiculous? I would rather pay that much and have air conditioning than pay what I am now for a couple of window fans.

If this suggestion is not feasible, then I sincerely believe the air conditioning should be shut off in Justin. It is absurd for 71% of the campus to be sweating bullets in this hot weather while 29% are living comfortably in air conditioning.

Photo Opinion

What is Your Opinion of the Cable System?



"It could be better. Last year the satellite dish wasn't working. There's really bad reception around here. There's only a few channels that come in clearly, and the sound is very bad too. Sometimes you watch a show and then the picture goes out. Someone should fix the system."

Eileen Sheehan
Halas Hall
Junior



"All I can say is, 'I want my MTV'."

Sara Van Dewerff
Justin Hall
Sophomore



"The television situation is not the fault of the present S.A., but of past S.A. There aren't enough cables for everyone on campus and the satellite dish needs repair, which will cost thousands."

Sally Clark
Justin Hall
Senior



"The students at SJC rely heavily on the cable for our entertainment. We deserve a fair deal for our money. Someone with authority needs to take charge!"

Brad Taylor
Bennett
Junior

Almost Noble Sentiments

By
Bob
Kinsella

As many of you know, the residents of Aquinas are hoping to stay in their dorm next semester. (I am a member of that dorm and you should know, before I go further, that the opinions that I express are biased.) In an effort to express our hope and concerns to the administration, we submitted a petition to Fr. Banet, Mr. Thatcher, Dr. Nichols, and Mr. Maniscalco. All the members of the dorm signed it. The petition reads as follows: "We, the residents of Aquinas Hall, strongly request permission to remain housed in Aquinas during the second semester of the '85-'86 academic year. Since no other dormitory on campus provides us with the advantages that Aquinas does, we feel that this is a more than reasonable request. We cannot say for certain how many of our number will be returning to this college next semester if we are forced to take up residence elsewhere. Since the second floor of our hall is presently closed, this could be renovated first semester. During the second semester, we would be more than happy to move

down to second floor in order to facilitate the renovation of the third floor. We put ourselves at the disposal of any administrator who would like to discuss our problem. Send any response to P.O. Box 772."

Through the grapevine, I have heard — since the following is second hand information, take it with a grain of salt — that when our petition was brought up at the President's Council meeting and Mr. Maniscalco was asked to respond, he said that he felt that he was doing us a favor to let us live there during the first semester. In my opinion, no one is doing us any favor when you consider how much more we pay for a private room in Aquinas. Mr. Maniscalco continued by saying that it was just students complaining, as usual, and that they, the President's Council, should not take it seriously — it did not warrant a response. Whereupon Fr. Banet said "O.K." and went on to other business.

Does this sound like men who are concerned about retaining students? I personally feel that our petition was honest and upfront. I think we presented a viable option and that we made it clear that we were open to discussion. I feel we acted in an adult and mature fashion and that the Council acted immaturity and much too hastily. What do we have to do to get someone to talk with us — have a "sit-in" in the administration building? Is this what they want from students? I find that hard to believe.

Though there are only twelve of us living in Aquinas, we do have a right to be heard. If we are not, and soon, I am sure we will take other measures. I assure that these other measures will be mature and well thought out, unlike the actions of the President's Council.

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tournament for the Boy Scouts in town, and visiting the nursing home.

APO has also helped to improve the St. Joseph's College campus. Volunteers from the club cleaned the Grotto and cleaned and painted the day student lounge.

The efforts of both organizations contribute to the people they help as well as through leadership they provide.

Latin American Journey Produces Mixed Emotions

by Barry Harding

Gentlemen from Bennett Hall will probably remember the going away party for Father Froelich last December. When asked why he was leaving for Latin America Father Froelich replied, "You got to get out while you're young, cause tramps like us — baby we were born to run."

Recently this reporter had the chance to have a fascinating interview with Father Froelich regarding his stay in Peru, Chile, Central America, and Mexico. Although Father Froelich jokingly used the line from the Springs-

teen single, his official leave of absence from the college concerned an investigative study of the socio-economic and political atmosphere of Latin America.

Father Froelich said his immediate feelings when he arrived in South America were that of extreme depression. "Poverty, mass starvation, brain damage due to malnutrition, and drugs — culminating in a loss of human dignity, is a terrible human existence." Father Froelich replied that in one diocese almost 8,000 students had permanent brain damage, and, thus could only

just sit and retain little information in school. "However, the educational system in Chile is pretty good," Father Froelich was quick to add, "considering the problems induced by the social conditions." Father Froelich also believes the problem is not illiteracy, but directly related to malnutrition. Also mentioned was the extreme drug problem in Chile and Peru. Trigger-happy Chilean police, so laced with cocaine, use little or no restraint when using firearms. Father Froelich went on to say that the favorite phrase of the Chilean

police is "confusing circumstances," usually referring to "accidental" killings. Drugs also enter and disrupt the family unit where "one may chew a cocoa leaf until his body is numbed of sensation."

Not all of Father Froelich's observations were of low spirits. Some of the positive things he mentioned were the strong religious beliefs, and also the close family structure. Fiestas and marriages tend to keep a strong union in the culture. During his stay in Mexico, Father Froelich attended the An-

thropological Institute & Museum of Archeology, and also observed various Mayan ruins. Some of the Mayan cities are enormous, noted Father Froelich, and are just now being unearthed by archeologists.

When I asked if he had any comments or answers to the apparent Central American mess, he calmly responded, "It's up to your generation and kids. If not, terrorists are just gonna rip up everything." Father Froelich also added to his whole Latin American stay, "I learned to like chicken-claw soup."

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ment may increase next year, it will even out at about 800 to 900 students, but should begin to show a significant increase again about 1990.

One factor that may lead to a decrease in enrollment in all colleges is financial aid. Dr. Nichols said that if the Reagan Administration succeeds at cutting back student financial aid as they wish, it will be impossible for a large number of lower and middle class students to attend college. In case the cutbacks do go through, many colleges such as St. Joseph's are preparing to supplement the loss of aid through private funding.

Dr. Nichols says that in the long run this will cause few changes for the students academically. Perhaps a few of the major degree programs would be changed to minors, but as he pointed out, this would reflect the students' interests. Dr. Nichols stated, "I guarantee that

the quality of teaching, advising, and major programs will increase. This will come about mainly through the idea of enrollment management."

Dr. Nichols stated that it is doubtful that the drop in enrollment would have any affect on the faculty. The faculty population, like the student population, is a rolling one. There are faculty members who will be retiring in the near future, while others may want to go elsewhere. As faculty leave, they will either be replaced or not replaced as they are

needed.

Most importantly Dr. Nichols stated that the students should remember that St. Joseph's has been operating in the black for the past fifteen years. The college no longer has any outstanding debts and there has been an increase in endowments and private pledges in the past few years.

Dr. Nichols mentioned that had the drop in enrollment happened ten years ago, it would have been a real problem for the college. But for now, it is a challenge.

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WARNING

by Amy Ceadar

The Surgeon General has determined that studying may be hazardous to your health. Too much studying has been found to cause the dreaded Frustrated Student Syndrome (FSS). This chronic condition tends to develop at mid-term, but it has been known to develop sooner.

In a study of 150 Saint Joseph's College students, 50 percent were found to have developed FSS. Symptoms include headaches, panic attacks, nail biting, sweating, nausea, glazed eyes, hair loss, and insanity. Experts claim this is caused from the stress they experience trying to pass all of their classes.

In the fifteen-week study, 55 students recovered from this condition after a three-week period of rest and relaxation. They have now returned to Saint Joseph's for another semester. Of the 20 remaining, 10 went to Florida, five joined the French Foreign Legion, three became school-crossing guards, and one was arrested for assault and battery after beating a professor with a textbook. The last one was never heard from again.

If you notice any of the symptoms of FSS, consult a physician immediately.

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Ippolito Heads Solid Defense

by Diane Johnson

Senior Pete Ippolito is entering his fourth season as starting nose-guard for the Saint Joseph's Pumas. He came here from Saint Laurence High School in Burbank, Illinois for the academic program and with the hope of playing football. Although he felt concerned that his height would be a disadvantage, Pete is nothing but an asset to the team.

Last season ended with a dismal record of 2-7, but Pete has nothing but high hopes for this year. "Despite the fact that there are only six seniors on the team, I feel optimistic because of the positive attitude of the new players."

"We showed that our team was young at the Dayton game, but we know we can learn from our mistakes and begin working



Senior nose-guard Pete Ippolito.

(photo by Ruthann Goller)

toward our goal, the conference championship. We just need to take it one game at a time," Pete says.

Pete feels that the team's greatest strength is its defense as he says, "It is a solid unity. The offense is on the brink of developing high scoring ability."

Tim Johnson, student assistant coach, praises Pete in saying, "He shows a lot of leadership for the younger guys, and has a real good attitude. Everybody has a lot of respect for him."

Although Pete devotes a great amount of time to the Puma football team, he is also actively involved in other organizations. He serves as dorm governor for Seifert Hall, intramural water polo director, and he also plays I.M. basketball.

Sports Teams Off And Running

FOOTBALL

by Anna Williamson

The football team dropped its season opener to a tough Dayton squad, 44-14. Senior quarterback Tim Miloserny expresses the team's feelings going into the game. "We knew they would be good. They have a strong football program and are good every year. This year they're ranked number two in the nation in Division III."

Dayton led 14-0 going into the second quarter and Miloserny says, "We have a young team, and we could have packed up right then. Instead, we scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and tied the score at 14. I think that coming back like that says a lot about this year's team."

The team's next game is Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Rensselaer High School field. Why play there? "It's just something different and an effort to get the town people involved," Miloserny answers.

The squad will be playing Franklin College which it plays twice this season. The first game will not count towards the conference standings. Miloserny's thoughts on the game: "It's pretty wide open. They have a good offense although they lost their quarterback last year. I expect it to be a pretty high-scoring contest."

VOLLEYBALL

by Michele Keilman

The Saint Joseph's womens' volleyball team appears to be in for a very promising season. Because it is a young team with only one senior and three juniors, this year will be a good rebuilding period. The year's experience will help to give the freshmen and the sophomores confidence to put them up on the top next year.

According to head coach Linda Taulman, "Co-captains Kelly Kerber and Linda Wiesenbahn show both consistency and leadership in helping to mold the team. Sophomore Jenny Smith shows a tremendous amount of power. Freshmen Heather Dunbar and Tracy Payne also look very promising for their coming years on the team."

The Lady Pumas' first game was September 11 against Parkland Junior College. As preparation for the coming season, the team had intra-squad scrimmages at area high schools. These practice games at North Judson and South Newton also promote volleyball and are a great incentive for high school players.

SOCCER

by Tricia Gomez

On September 7, the Saint Joseph's soccer team faced defeat at the hands of Kentucky

Wesleyan, 3-0. Despite the loss, the Pumas felt positive after such a close game with perhaps the toughest opponent of the season.

The team will face Loyola tomorrow afternoon at home.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

by Anna Williamson

The women's tennis team, which finished with an overall record of 12-3 last season, anticipates improvement this year. Head coach John Barrientos expects the toughest opponent to be IUPUI-Fort Wayne, a team that gave Saint Joseph's two of its three losses last year.

The team made a second-place showing in the conference last season with junior Judy Stewart capturing the number one singles title. Barrientos expects to do as well or better this year.

This year's captains include Stewart and Karen Sifferlen, the lone senior on the squad. Barrientos says that it is likely that two freshmen will break into the starting line-up, one of whom is Katie DeSantis.

The women's tennis team will be hosting Lewis University tomorrow afternoon at 3:00.

GOLF

by Anna Williamson

Saint Joseph's golf program has been strong in recent years and is getting even stronger. Sporting one of the best winning percentages among varsity sports on campus last year and having had no graduation losses gives good reason for high hopes this year.

The team consists of 14 players and is divided into two sub-teams comprised of five or six members each. The golf schedule consists of 10 schools who host invitationals in which 14 to 16 teams compete. As a result, the number of teams played during the course of the season surpasses the 100-mark.

The team practices 18 holes five days a week, except on match-days, at the Curtis Creek Country Club under the direction of coach Dale Anderson. Co-captains on this year's squad include Pat Bayley (senior) and Brad Taylor (junior).

The golf team jumped off to a good start at Butler University as the sub-teams placed second and seventh out of 14 teams. It made an equally impressive showing at Indiana Central University, being beaten only by Ball State, a Division I school.

CROSS COUNTRY

by Anna Williamson

It looks as though the men's cross country team is on the upswing this year. Coach Dave Smith explains, "There is no comparison between this year's team and those in recent years. We weren't bad five years ago, but I feel I have the best group quality-wise I've ever had. We're going to be respectable again."

The team consists of 11 members, none of whom are seniors. Smith says, "Only five runners score in a meet so we don't need numbers. The 11 that we have are more than adequate. I'm looking to the juniors for leadership, something we've lacked in the past. They know what it takes to be successful and can help out the underclassmen," he continues.

Smith's forecast has held so far as the team beat Valparaiso, a Division I school, in the season opener. "It's the first time we've beaten them in a dual meet. A good start like that is a real confidence-builder," he says. "We followed that with a third-place finish at Fort Wayne."

"We've got some good experience coming back with junior co-captains Tim Lax (last year's MVP) and Tim Potts leading the way," Smith says. "Dan VanHouten, a sophomore transfer, is our number one runner. Junior Phil Sperry has run well early in the season. We've got two freshmen in the top seven in Rob Watson and Bill Masselos. Sophomore Mike Boyda is also in the top seven," Smith concludes.

The women's cross country team, on the other hand, has been strong since it started five years ago. Yet, coach Dave Smith hopes to improve on its 43-7 record of a year ago. "We are the defending Little State champions, and we finished fourth in the NCAA Regionals last year, but we are potentially stronger from top to bottom this year," he says. The team lost its number one runner in Lorna Eyink, a sensational asset to the team for two years. "It's going to be difficult to replace Lorna. Freshman Karen Austen, our number one runner now, shows potential to run like Lorna," Smith says. "Also, the other four of our top five are back."

Top runners on the team include freshman Natalie Gish, sophomore Jackie Regnier "who was sick last season but is back healthy. Senior captain Kathy O'Connor has always been a good runner but wants to be especially good this year. I think it dawned on her that this is her last year," Smith says.

"Last year we were decent through six runners whereas this year we are decent through seven. We are also closer as a team in that we are working together more," Smith adds.

"As long as we can stay healthy and run up to our capabilities, we will be better than last year. We should be favored in every meet except, perhaps, the conference and the NCAA Regionals."



Kelly Kerber sets up a spike as Maureen Fields looks on.
(photo by Ruthann Goller)



Chuck Locascio hits an approach shot at the SJC Invitational held at Curtis Creek last week. (photo by Therese Yanan)